

IOWA - 4th Congressional District LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FFY 2021 FACTS & FIGURES

- <u>In the 4th Congressional District</u>, 18,882 households (40,706 individuals) received heating assistance benefits to assist with a portion of their heating costs. A total of \$8.8 million in benefits was paid to those households.
- The average heating assistance benefit was approximately \$467.
- 42.8% of households assisted by LIHEAP had an elderly household member.
- 98.2% of households assisted by the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program were NOT receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- 51.3% of households assisted by LIHEAP had a disabled member.
- 16.1% of households assisted by LIHEAP had a child less than 6 years of age.
- 55.6% of LIHEAP households were below 100% of federal poverty guidelines.
- 66.3% heated with natural gas; 22.3% heated with electricity; 9.9% heated with liquid propane gas; 0.4% heated with fuel oil; 0.2% heated with wood/coal/other.
- 74.6% lived in a single-family home; 24.6% lived in a duplex/apartment/mobile home.
- Benefits are targeted to vulnerable households with low incomes and high heating costs. Elderly, disabled, families with young children, and working poor (who often don't receive any other form of assistance) are also targeted groups.

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